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"Getting the Chesapeake By-pass completed is one of my top goals," Wilson said. "I believe the By-Pass is vital to further economic development in the region."

The funding will help pay for a portion of the property acquisition costs associated with the Phase 2 segment of the State Route 7 - Chesapeake By-Pass. This segment of highway once completed, in conjunction with other Ohio and West Virginia segments that are either planned, under construction, or recently constructed, will form the Northern Outerbelt around the Tri-State Metropolitan Area. Upon its completion the Outerbelt will ease local traffic congestion and provide alternative routing when I-64 is either closed or backed up.

Ralph Kline is Co-chair of the Lawrence County Transportation Committee. He welcomed the news.

"The fact that we have a line item is important," Kline said. "We still have the challenge of coming up with the rest of the funds but these dollars secure the project's place in the federal and state budgeting process."

This funding is contingent upon its passage in the Senate and a signature by the President.